3/33. (Added and Once Amended) The method of Claim 26 or 31, wherein said series of user-directed events are events that are not necessarily related as being part of a particular command hierarchy.

Remarks

In the May 17, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner allowed pending Claims 26-35 and 45-59 over the cited art and rejected Claims 1-25 and 36-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting. In addition, the Examiner required that a supplemental reissue oath or declaration be submitted. In response, Claims 1-25 and 36-44 have been cancelled and a Supplemental Reissue Declaration by each inventor is submitted herewith. As set forth in the Supplemental Reissue Declarations, the Supplemental Reissue Declarations are based upon reissue U.S. Application Nos. 08/223,620 and 08/724,947 ("the parent applications"). Claims 26 and 33 have been amended and Claim 32 has been cancelled herein to conform with the amendments made in the parent applications on which the Supplemental Reissue Declarations are based.

The Examiner also required that Applicants file a supplemental declaration to perfect their reduction to practice date in advance of the Nonaka patent cited as prior art in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/724,947. In response, a copy of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, originally submitted on December 7, 1995 in the parent application, Application No. 08/223,620, is submitted herewith.

In view of the amendment to the claims, the enclosed Supplemental Reissue Declaration, and the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, Applicants request that the present application be promptly allowed.

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Should there be any impediment to the allowance of the present application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney of record at (310) 407-3461 or at the telephone number listed below.

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